

I claim:

1. A tachograph, comprising:
  - 5           - a housing comprising walls defining at least an internal cavity and a top panel,
  - a printing device located within said cavity and comprising a thermal print head and printing material,
  - 10          - a transport roll located within said cavity and functionally associated via a force fit to said head such that said printing material is positioned between said transport roll and said head, said transport roll driven by a
  - 15           movement mechanism,
  - a support located within said cavity for supporting said printing device, printing material, transport roll and movement mechanism, said support comprising means for
  - 20           extending said printing device out of said housing, and
  - a support bridge for supporting said thermal print head, said support bridge being pivotably responsive to a spring action,
  - 25           fixed to said top panel.
2. The tachograph according to claim 1, further comprising a retainer, fixed to said top panel, said retainer facilitating fitting of said support
- 30           bridge to said top panel.
3. The tachograph according to claim 2, wherein said retainer is plate-like and said support bridge comprises a plurality of legs.

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4. The tachograph according to claim 3 further comprising a plurality of lugs formed on said legs and through holes, and a plurality of platforms assigned to said lugs and including means for screw connections integrally molded on said retainer.  
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5. The tachograph according to claim 2, wherein said retainer is longer and wider than a necessary area required by said screw connections for affixing said support bridge.  
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6. The tachograph according to claim 2, wherein said retainer and said top panel are connected to each other seamlessly and at a plurality of points.  
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7. The tachograph according to claim 5, wherein said retainer comprises a cutout corresponding to said support bridge, and said support bridge is fixed to said retainer such that said support bridge engages said cutout and said legs point away from said top panel.  
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8. The tachograph according to claim 7, further comprising means for facilitating a form-fitting connection between and alignment of said retainer and said support bridge, and said means formed on said support bridge and on said retainer.  
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9. The tachograph according to claim 1, further comprising guide rails and a transport roll having a shaft, said guide rails being assigned to said shaft and formed by means of cutouts in said legs.  
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10. The tachograph according to claim 9, further comprising inclined surfaces and bearing  
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5       depressions assigned to said shaft and formed on  
said guide rails, said surfaces and depressions  
effecting a snap-in effect which is effective when  
opening and closing said support and in  
conjunction with said thermal print head acting in  
a sprung manner on said transport roll.

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thermal print head further comprises a heat sink  
including a thermal element bar, said heat sink  
being mounted in said legs such that said heat  
sink can be pivoted radially with respect to said  
transport roll and assigned at least one stop  
limiting pivot.

15       12. The tachograph according to claim 1, wherein said  
housing is cuboid.

20       13. The tachograph according to claim 1, wherein said  
support bridge is pivotable in a direction counter  
to said spring action.